

of the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board, Robin has proven herself to be a strong and dedicated leader and public servant for her community and its youth.

Robin is also a U.S. Army veteran who served our nation with distinction. She has shown that same commitment and dedication in the many community boards, commissions and youth sports activities where she has volunteered her time. I am honored to call Robin a friend and I look forward to seeing what her future in public service brings to our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Robin Arredondo-Savage's induction as a member of the Tempe City Council.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. J. CAMERON THORNHILL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. J. Cameron Thornhill, a doctor whose work has been invaluable to the Brooklyn community.

Dr. J. Cameron Thornhill was born August 28, 1909, in Christ Church, Barbados, West Indies, and will celebrate his 101st birthday on August 28, 2010.

Dr. Thornhill graduated from Boys High Evening School in Brooklyn in 1934. He attended Lincoln University in Pennsylvania from 1936–1940, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts. He attended Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, from 1940 to 1944, where he was awarded his Medical Doctor degree. Between 1944 and 1946, Dr. Thornhill did an internship and residency at Kansas City, Missouri, General Hospital Number Two. He started a medical practice in 1946 in Brooklyn, NY.

From 1950 to 1952, he served as a medical officer, Captain, in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. Between 1953 and 1957, Dr. Thornhill performed various surgical residencies at Bethel Hospital, now known as Brookdale Hospital, in Brooklyn, New York; Veterans Hospital of East Orange, New Jersey; and Harlem Hospital, New York City, where he remained on staff for over 15 years. From 1958 to 1996, he opened and operated a surgical family practice in Brooklyn, while working at St. John's Hospital, which is now Interfaith Hospital, and Lefferts General Hospital of Brooklyn, New York. He served the Brooklyn community for over 40 years before fully retiring at the age of 84 from the New York State Workers Compensation Board as a Medical Examiner.

Dr. Thornhill is an emeritus member of the Kings County Medical Society, National Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He has been honored by the Provident Clinical Society of Brooklyn, New York and most recently received special recognition at the 2009 National Medical Association Convention.

Dr. Thornhill and his wife, Mercedes Murray, were married on April 3, 1947. They have four children: J. Cameron Thornhill Jr., Dr. Monica

Thornhill-Joynes, MD, Dr. D. Blair Thornhill, MD, and Ms. Donna Thornhill. His eldest child Cameron, Jr., predeceased him in 2008. He is the proud grandfather of five grandchildren and the proud great grandfather of two great grandchildren. His brother Cleveland Thornhill is 97 years old, and his sister Gladys Minnette Powell passed away on August 21, 2009, at the age of 98.

Dr. Thornhill loves the outdoors and has vacationed at Chenango Valley State Park in upstate New York every year with family and friends since 1955. He is an avid handball and paddle ball player and played the game until the age of 98. He enjoys golf and bridge. Additionally, Dr. Thornhill is an avid traveler and has visited several nations in Africa and walked the Great Wall of China in his 90's. He has visited many Caribbean countries on numerous trips, including Cuba and Panama.

He has been attending Siloam Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, New York for more than 50 years. Dr. Thornhill is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. He is a tenacious motivator who continues to avidly inspire the pursuit of education to his family members and the community at large.

Dr. Thornhill is a pillar of his community and has always been a loving and giving person to his family, friends and community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Dr. J. Cameron Thornhill.

MIKE DIERINGER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mike Dieringer. Mike is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 75, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mike has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Mike has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Becoming an Eagle Scout represents a great deal of dedication and perseverance by Mike and I am sure that he will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mike Dieringer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING PENNSWOOD VILLAGE ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and

congratulate Pennswood Village and its residents on their 30th Anniversary.

What began as a desire among friends to turn unused farm land into something useful has since blossomed into a community that has contributed significantly to the lives of our senior citizens.

Since it's opening on June 10, 1980, Pennswood Village has excelled at delivering a senior program that is truly representative of the needs of our seniors. With 435 residents and 420 employees, Pennswood Village stands as one of the outstanding continuing care retirement communities in Bucks County.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize and congratulate Pennswood Village on its 30th Anniversary and I am sure that as Pennswood Village moves forward, it will continue to exemplify the meaning of senior care.

TRIBUTE TO THE ICS

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the International Court System (ICS) as it celebrates the 45th anniversary of its founding. A non-profit charity and international social service organization, ICS is one of the oldest LGBT charities in the world, with chapters in over 68 cities within the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

ICS fundraising efforts have benefited countless causes both within and outside of the LGBT community including numerous children's charities, AIDS organizations, and cancer patient advocacy groups. In fact, several AIDS social service organizations were established in the 1980's by organization members. In addition, there are over 30 student scholarship programs within the International Court System of the United States and Mexico. The ICS welcomes all and is proud of its diversity.

The first ICS chapter was established in 1965 in San Francisco, California by World War II veteran and Hispanic gay activist, Jose Julio Sarria. In 1961, he made history as the first openly gay citizen to run for public office in North America when he ran for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. For his activism, the Board named a public street in his honor.

In 2007, Sarria stepped down as titular leader of the International Court System and was succeeded by my constituent, San Diego City Commissioner Nicole Murray Ramirez who himself has been a Latino and gay activist for over 40 years. Commissioner Ramirez currently serves on the board of the National Gay Lesbian Task Force and is a past national board member of the Human Rights Campaign. Ramirez is a recipient of the Cesar Chavez Social Justice Award and is currently the National Co-Chair of the Harvey Milk Foundation's Citizen Advisory Board.

I commend Jose Julio Sarria and Nicole Murray Ramirez for their dedication and community service that has benefitted so many. I congratulate the ICS on the occasion of its 45th anniversary, and I am proud to honor its legacy of activism and philanthropy.